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In re Application of :  
Alvarado, et al. :  
Application No.: 09/741,618 : ON PETITION  
Filed: December 18, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No: 59.0038 :

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed October 16, 2007.

The petition is **granted**.

This application became abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed October 6, 2004. The notice set a shortened statutory period for reply of three-months from its mailing date. Extensions of time were available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 23, 2005.

The Request for Continued Examination filed October 16, 2007, is noted.

The application file is being directed to Technology Center Group Art Unit 2143 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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